

## SON OF MINISTER TO REFORMATORY

Parents Make Earnest Plea and  
Erring Youth Escapes  
Prison Term.

## CROPS ALL DOING WELL

Rather Late, But in Good Condi-  
tion—Telephone System  
May be Changed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., August 20.—In the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie county yesterday, Judge Watson presiding, several criminal cases of interest were disposed of. Senator Chas. T. Lassiter, of this city, acted as prosecuting attorney, owing to the sickness of Judge B. J. Epps.

Hugh Bruner, a sixteen-year-old white youth, the son of a preacher in Tennessee, who was indicted for breaking into a freight car on the Seaboard Air Line, was by agreement of counsel, ordered by the court to be sent to the reformatory. Appealing letters in behalf of the boy from his parents were read.

Sam Page, colored, pleaded guilty to the charge of housebreaking and robbery, and was sentenced to a five years term in the penitentiary.

Bob Davis, colored, charged with criminal assault, was held for trial at the next term of the court.

It is reported that the Petersburg Telephone Company is contemplating the introduction of the measured system in its service here, optional, however, with the subscribers whether they will accept it or adhere to the present system of paying for the telephone by the month.

## Crops Doing Well.

Crops of all kinds in this section, though late, are in excellent condition. The season has been highly favorable. It is stated, however, that the tobacco and peanut crops, two of our greatest staples, will be below the average, because of the late spring, the lack of labor and the less area planted.

The Riverside Club is making ample arrangements and suitable improvements for the horse show to be held in September on its handsome grounds and under its supervision. The indications are that the show will be one of the best of its kind ever held in Virginia, and that the exhibition of fine stock will be a record one for excellence. There will be a splendid exhibition of racers, trotters, hunters, jumpers and drivers.

## To Pay Fraternal Visit.

Oakwood Camp, Woodmen of the World, of this city, has accepted an invitation to a fraternal visit to the Chester Camp to-morrow evening, and a strong delegation will go. A delegation of Richmond Woodmen will also attend.

Senator Chas. T. Lassiter left this morning for the Cold Sulphur Springs to his family.

The superintendent and agents of the Home Beneficial Association in this city will go to the Jamestown Exposition on Thursday.

The condition of Police Officer Bend, who has been in the hospital for some time, is without material change. He is a very ill man.

Three-score or more people—ladies and gentlemen—coming from nearly every State in the Union, have stopped over in Petersburg during the past week to visit the Crater and other battlefields.

## CHAMBER BUYS LEWIS FARM.

New York Millionaire Will Make  
Country Home in Virginia.

LEESBURG, VA., August 20.—William Astor Chanler, of New York, who purchased from W. A. Metzger, of Leesburg, the 400-acre farm a mile south of Leesburg, formerly the property of the late Lewis, is one of the blue grass estates in Virginia. Mr. Chanler will make it his country home, where he will reside during the winter months, and will spend a portion of each hunting season here.

Mr. Chanler has already made considerable improvements in the stables, and will take possession about December 1st, when the hunting season will be in full swing.

The fame of Loudoun county as the best hunting country in the United States will draw a very large number of Northern hunters to Leesburg and vicinity this fall.

A. Henry Higginson, M. F. H., of the Middlesex Hounds, will establish his pack here again, and there will be hunting five or six times a week.

## CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

Body Elects Delegates and Will Meet  
Next in Rockingham.

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WILMINGTON, VA., August 20.—The Virginia Central Valley Christian Conference, which has been in annual session near High View, Hampshire county, Va., since last Thursday, has adjourned to meet next August at Broadway, Rockingham county, Va.

Delegates were elected to the Southern Christian Convention as follows: Elders—William T. Walters, H. C. Moore and M. L. Bryant; Laymen—J. C. Bradford, C. W. Lunderback and E. T. Arnold.

The ordination of Licentiate A. W. Andes was impressively conducted. Samuel Earman was elected conference treasurer to succeed M. V. Lunderback, resigned.

Blood Poison Results From Cut.  
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GLASSBORO, VA., August 20.—Miss Gilda Williams, accidentally cut her ankle some days ago and blood poison has set in, and her physician is fearful her leg will have to be amputated.

The bride was recently of Black Rock, Ark.

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SUFFOLK, VA., August 20.—George C. White and Miss Nellie Makepeace, daughter of Frank P. Makepeace, were married at the bride's home in Suffolk to-night by Rev. W. Mosby, of the Baptist Church.

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